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BILL ANALYSIS
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Bill Number	<u>SB450/aSFC</u>	Sponsor	<u>Pirtle</u>
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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFC Amendment

The Senate Finance Committee amendment to SB450 (SB450/aSFC) removes the appropriation from the original bill.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 450 (SB450) adds a new section to the Public School Code requiring all licensed coaches employed by a school district or charter school to have current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including training regarding the use of automated external defibrillators (AED). The CPR certification course requirements would be implemented by the Public Education Department (PED).

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill does not contain an appropriation.

According to Action CPR, a New Mexico based CPR training association, an adult CPR/AED certification course has a per-person cost of \$40. Should the course be offered at an equivalent cost, the \$195 thousand general fund appropriation could provide training to approximately 4,875 coaches.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Current Training Requirements for Coaches. Under current [administrative rule](#), PED administers [Athletic Coach](#) licenses to all secondary school athletic coaches. New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) 6.63.8 outlines the athletic coach licensure requirements for coaches employed by public school districts and charter schools. In order to apply for an initial athletic coach (7-12) license, candidates must complete two coaching courses offered by the New Mexico Athletic Association. The first course required course is [First Aid, Health, and Safety](#) developed with the American Red Cross and designed as an overview of first aid, including best

practices for situations requiring medical attention. The second required course is [Fundamentals of Coaching](#) designed to build coaches understanding of creating a healthy and age appropriate athletic experience in alignment with the learning outcomes of the school. Each course has a \$45 fee paid for by the athletic coach licensee candidate. Neither of these requirements provide CPR or AED certification.

Additional Coaching Requirements. The New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) is a non-profit organization that oversees the regulation, direction, administration, and supervision of interscholastic activities in New Mexico. NMAA is comprised of New Mexico public, private, and parochial middle school and high schools that pay membership dues on an annual basis. In addition to PED licensure requirements, athletic coaches must also meet [NMAA regulations](#) which mandate additional courses. In addition to the First Aid, Health, and Safety and Fundamentals of Coaching courses required by PED for licensure, coaches in New Mexico are also required to take “Concussion in Sports,” “Bully, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors,” and “Protecting Students from Abuse” courses. These courses are offered free of charge and available online.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SB450/aSFC requires PED to promulgate rules regarding the implementation of the CPR training.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Statute requiring CPR certification for athletic coaches is not uncommon; some states already mandate this certification for athletic coaches and extracurricular activities sponsors. For example, [Texas](#) school district employees who serve as the head director of a school marching band or as the head coach for an extracurricular athletic activity are required to submit proof of current certification in CPR.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- LESC Files

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